

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)



COVID-19 Hospitalization and Death by Race/Ethnicity

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Rate ratios compared to White, Non-Hispanic persons	American Indian or Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic persons	Asian, Non-Hispanic persons	Black or African American, Non-Hispanic persons	Hispanic or Latino persons
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Hospitalization ²	4.0x	1.2x	3.7x	4.1x
Death ³	2.6x	1.1x	2.8x	2.8x

Factors that increase community spread and individual risk



Crowded Situations



Close/physical contact



Enclosed space



Duration of exposure

How to slow the spread of COVID-19



Wear a mask



Stay at least 6 ft apart



Wash your hands



Clean and disinfect

¹ Data source: Data reported by state and territorial jurisdictions (accessed 11/27/2020). Numbers are ratios of age-adjusted rates standardized to the 2000 US standard population. Calculations use only the 52% of reports with race/ethnicity; this can result in inaccurate estimates of the relative risk among groups.

² Data source: COVID-NET (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/covid-net/purpose-methods.html>, accessed 11/25/2020). Numbers are ratios of age-adjusted rates standardized to the 2000 US standard COVID-NET catchment population.

³ Data source: NCHS provisional death counts (<https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Deaths-involving-coronavirus-disease-2019-COVID-19/ks3g-spdg>, accessed 11/27/2020). Numbers are ratios of age-adjusted rates standardized to the 2000 US standard population.

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